

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Tsuyoshi KUBOTA et al.	Art Unit: 2167
Application No.: 10/743,458	
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Title: SPLIT TYPE CONNECTING ROD	

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 9, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- ☒ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 8 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet. An **Appendix** including the amended drawing figures is attached following page 15 of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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